

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL****PATENT**

Application No.: 09/461,158
Filing Date: December 14, 1999
First Named Inventor: Anne E. Miller
Examiner's Name: Chen, Kin Chan
Art Unit: 1765
Attorney Docket No.: 42390.P6958

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- ☐ An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.
- ☒ Charge any fee not covered by any check submitted to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, for any concurrent or future reply to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- ☐ Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action
- ☐ Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
- ☐ RCE (Request for Continued Examination)
- ☐ Supplemental Declaration
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer (reminder: if executed by an attorney, the attorney must be properly of record)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ☐ Copies of IDS citations
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Document (that includes a fee calculation based on the type and number of claims)
- ☐ Cross-Reference to Related Application(s)
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Check(s)
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity |
|--|---|
| <p>1. Revenue Recognition</p> <p>Large entities use the percentage-of-completion method, which recognizes revenue and profit as the contract progresses. This method requires estimating the total contract revenue and the proportion of work completed.</p> <p>Small entities typically use the cost-of-sales method, which recognizes revenue only when the contract is completed. This method is simpler but may result in delayed revenue recognition.</p> | <p>1. Revenue Recognition</p> <p>Small entities often use the cost-of-sales method, which recognizes revenue only when the contract is completed. This method is simpler but may result in delayed revenue recognition.</p> |
| <p>2. Asset Valuation</p> <p>Large entities use fair value measurements for assets, which are based on market prices or other objective data. This method provides a more accurate representation of the asset's value.</p> <p>Small entities may use cost as a basis for valuing assets, which is simpler but may not reflect the asset's current market value.</p> | <p>2. Asset Valuation</p> <p>Small entities may use cost as a basis for valuing assets, which is simpler but may not reflect the asset's current market value.</p> |
| <p>3. Liability Recognition</p> <p>Large entities use accrual accounting, which recognizes liabilities when they are incurred, regardless of when cash is paid. This method provides a more complete picture of the entity's financial position.</p> <p>Small entities may use cash accounting, which recognizes liabilities only when cash is paid. This method is simpler but may not reflect the entity's true financial obligations.</p> | <p>3. Liability Recognition</p> <p>Small entities may use cash accounting, which recognizes liabilities only when cash is paid. This method is simpler but may not reflect the entity's true financial obligations.</p> |

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1001 | 7702001 | 385 | | Utility application filing fee | |
| 1002 | 3402002 | 170 | | Design application filing fee | |
| 1003 | 5302003 | 265 | | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 7702004 | 385 | | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 1602005 | 80 | | Provisional application filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) \$ 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

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|--------------------|---|---------------------|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------|
| | | <u>Extra Claims</u> | | <u>Fee from below</u> | | <u>Fee Paid</u> |
| Total Claims | 9 | - 20** = | 0 | X | | = |
| Independent Claims | 2 | - 4** = | 0 | X | | = |
| Multiple Dependent | | | | | | = |

****Or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below.**

| Large Entity | Small Entity |
|--|--|
| <p>1. Revenue Recognition</p> <p>Large entities use the percentage of completion method for long-term contracts, recognizing revenue as work progresses. Small entities often use the cost of sales method, recognizing revenue only when the contract is completed.</p> | <p>1. Revenue Recognition</p> <p>Small entities often use the cost of sales method for long-term contracts, recognizing revenue only when the contract is completed.</p> |
| <p>2. Inventory Valuation</p> <p>Large entities use the FIFO (First In, First Out) method for inventory valuation. Small entities often use the LIFO (Last In, First Out) method, which can provide a tax advantage in periods of rising prices.</p> | <p>2. Inventory Valuation</p> <p>Small entities often use the LIFO (Last In, First Out) method for inventory valuation, which can provide a tax advantage in periods of rising prices.</p> |
| <p>3. Depreciation</p> <p>Large entities use the MACRS (Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System) method for depreciation. Small entities often use the straight-line method, which spreads the cost of an asset evenly over its useful life.</p> | <p>3. Depreciation</p> <p>Small entities often use the straight-line method for depreciation, which spreads the cost of an asset evenly over its useful life.</p> |
| <p>4. Bad Debt Expense</p> <p>Large entities use the allowance method for bad debt expense, estimating the amount of uncollectible accounts at the end of each period. Small entities often use the direct write-off method, recognizing bad debt expense only when an account is deemed uncollectible.</p> | <p>4. Bad Debt Expense</p> <p>Small entities often use the direct write-off method for bad debt expense, recognizing bad debt expense only when an account is deemed uncollectible.</p> |
| <p>5. Lease Accounting</p> <p>Large entities use the ASC 842 (Leases) standard, which requires lessees to recognize most leases on their balance sheet. Small entities often use the ASC 840 (Leases) standard, which allows for more flexibility in lease accounting.</p> | <p>5. Lease Accounting</p> <p>Small entities often use the ASC 840 (Leases) standard for lease accounting, which allows for more flexibility in lease accounting.</p> |

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|
| 1202 | 182202 | 9 | | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 862201 | 43 | | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 2902203 | 145 | | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 862204 | 43 | | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 182205 | 9 | | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) \$ 0

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Code | Fee (\$) | Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1813 | 8,800 | 1813 | 8,800 | Request for inter parties reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | For filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1814 | 110 | 2814 | 55 | Statutory Disclaimer | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
| 1504 | 300 | 1504 | 300 | Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal pub. | |
| 1505 | 300 | 1505 | 300 | Publication fee for republication | |
| 1803 | 130 | 1803 | 130 | Request for voluntary publication or republication | |
| 1808 | 130 | 1808 | 130 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) (except provisionals) | |
| 1454 | 1,330 | 1454 | 1,330 | Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for priority | |
| Other fee (specify) _____ | | | | | |
| Other fee (specify) _____ | | | | | |

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